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SUBJECT: PRC VIEWS ON THE "JAPANESE FORMULA" AS APPLIED TO
US-REPUBLIC OF CHINA MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY

1. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR HARLAND TELLS US THAT AT RECENT RECEPTION ATTENDED BOTH BY HIM AND LIN PING, DIRECTOR OF MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DEPARTMENT, HE ASKED LIN FOR EXPLANATION OF WHAT CHINESE MEANT WHEN THEY SAID US SHOULD FOLLOW THE "JAPANESE FORMULA" IN HANDLING THE TAIWAN PROBLEM. SPECIFICALLY, IN ADDITION TO BREAKING OFF ALL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, WOULD THE US NEED TO FOLLOW THE JAPANESE PATTERN IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE US-ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY?

2. LE PING'S ANSWER WAS EMPHATICALLY "YES." HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER, BUT HARLAND TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE US-ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY THE PRC WOULD REQUIRE THE US TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY JAPAN (IN THIS CASE REGARDING THE PEACE TREATY) IN TAKING SOME SORT OF FORMAL, OVERT ACTION TO DECLARE IT NULL AND VOID. WHEN HARLAND SAID THAT THE SITUATIONS IN THE US AND JAPAN WERE DIFFERENT, LIN PING REPLIED TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS ALL A QUESTION OF POLICY, AND THAT THE US COULD CERTAINLY FIND A WAY.
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